

Property Address 10301 Old Indian Head Road, Upper Marlboro vicinity, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address Michael and Linda Reamy, 10301 Old Indian Head Road, Upper Marlboro MD 20772
Year Built circa 1905

Description:

The Douglas House was previously surveyed by the Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1986. Since the time of the previous survey, the house has been covered in vinyl siding and the porch rail has been replaced. The tobacco barn formerly located on the site has been demolished. A small family cemetery is located behind the Douglas house and Concordia Lutheran Church. The cemetery is surrounded by a chain-link fence and has an informal arrangement. The stones range in date from 1865 to 1989. Twelve stones are associated with the Tayman-Franklin-Deeters family. They are generally grouped by immediate family and surrounded by low concrete walls.

National Register Evaluation:

The Douglas House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore it does not meet Criterion B. The property is not eligible under Criterion C because the house is an undistinguished example of an early-twentieth century vernacular residence. Also, the replacement of the porch rail and the addition of vinyl siding have compromised the integrity of the property. The cemetery does not meet Criterion Consideration D, as historic research indicates that the site does not contain graves of persons of transcendent importance, nor does it contain grave markers of distinctive design.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility recommended ☒ not recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None

Comments:

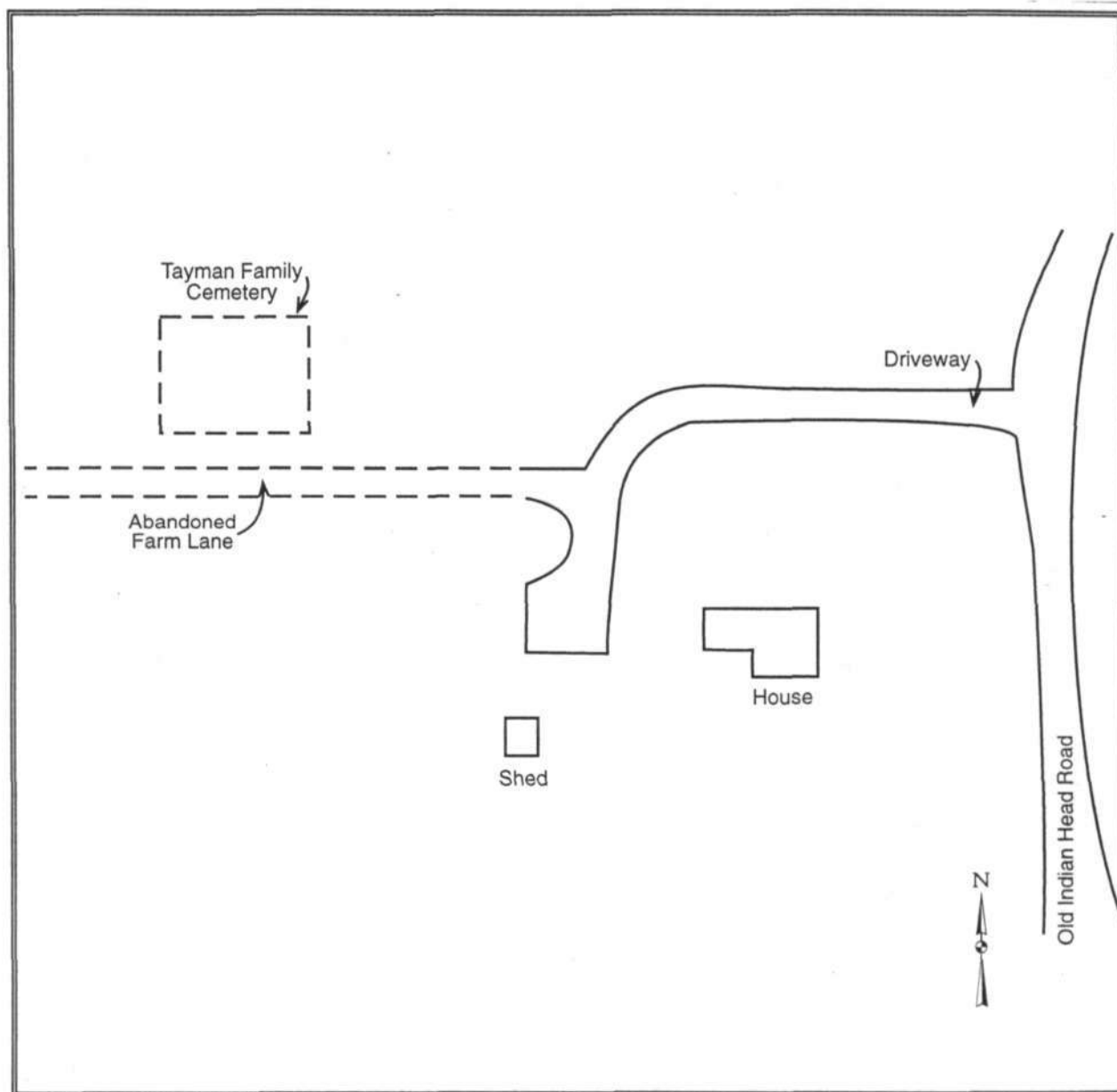
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Resource Sketch Map:



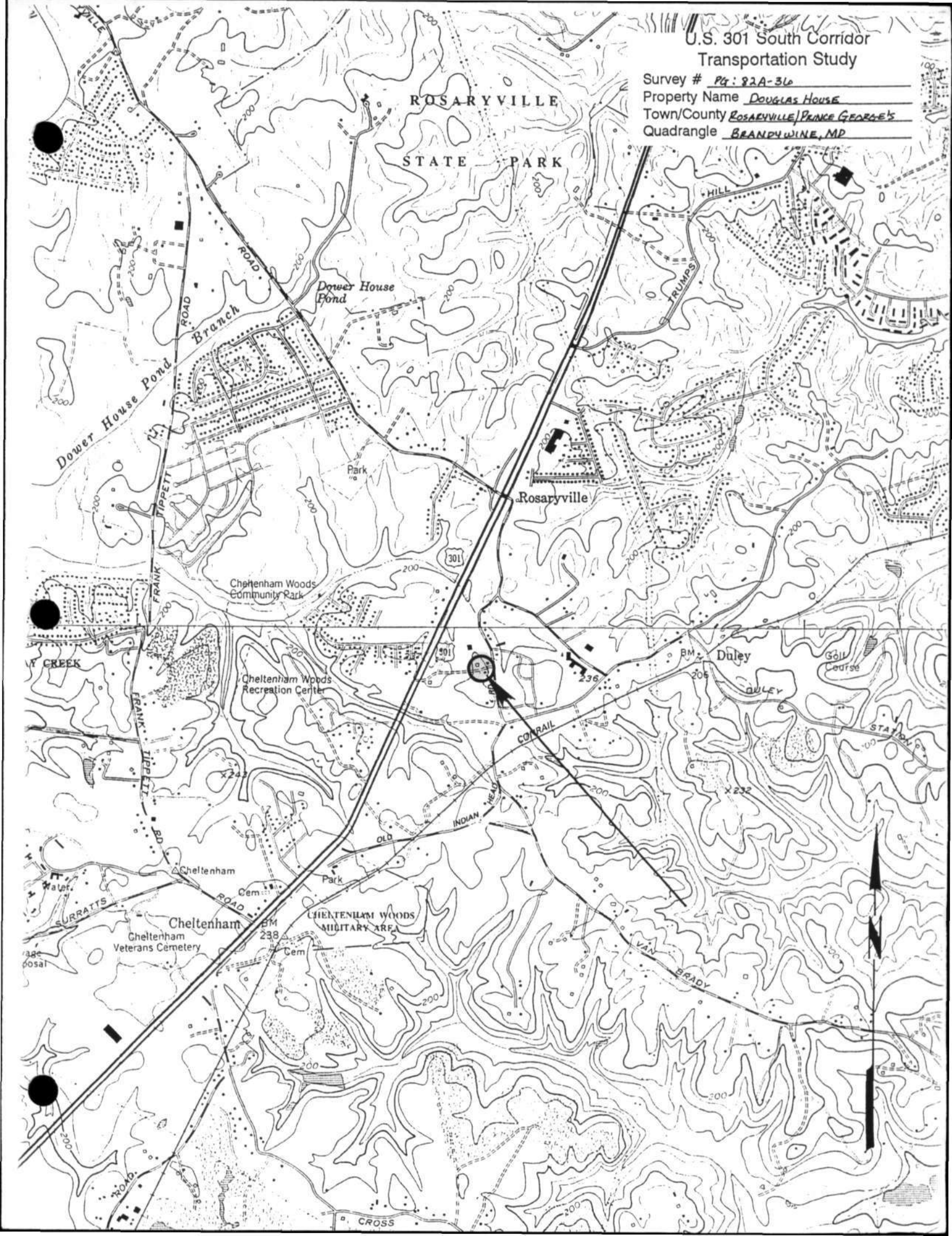
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Transportation Study

Survey # Pg: 82A-310

Property Name DOUGLAS HOUSE

Town/County ROSARYVILLE/PRINCE GEORGE'S

Quadrangle BRANDYWINE, MD





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DOUGLAS HOUSE

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

T. TAMBURRINO

11-98

MD SHPO

E (FRONT) ELEVATION

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DOUGLAS HOUSE

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T. TAMBURRINO

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MD SHPO

SW CORNER

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DOUGLAS HOUSE
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

T. TAMBURRINO

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MD SHPO

W(REAR) ELEVATION

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PRINCE GEORGES CO., MD

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MD SHPO

NW CORNER

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PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

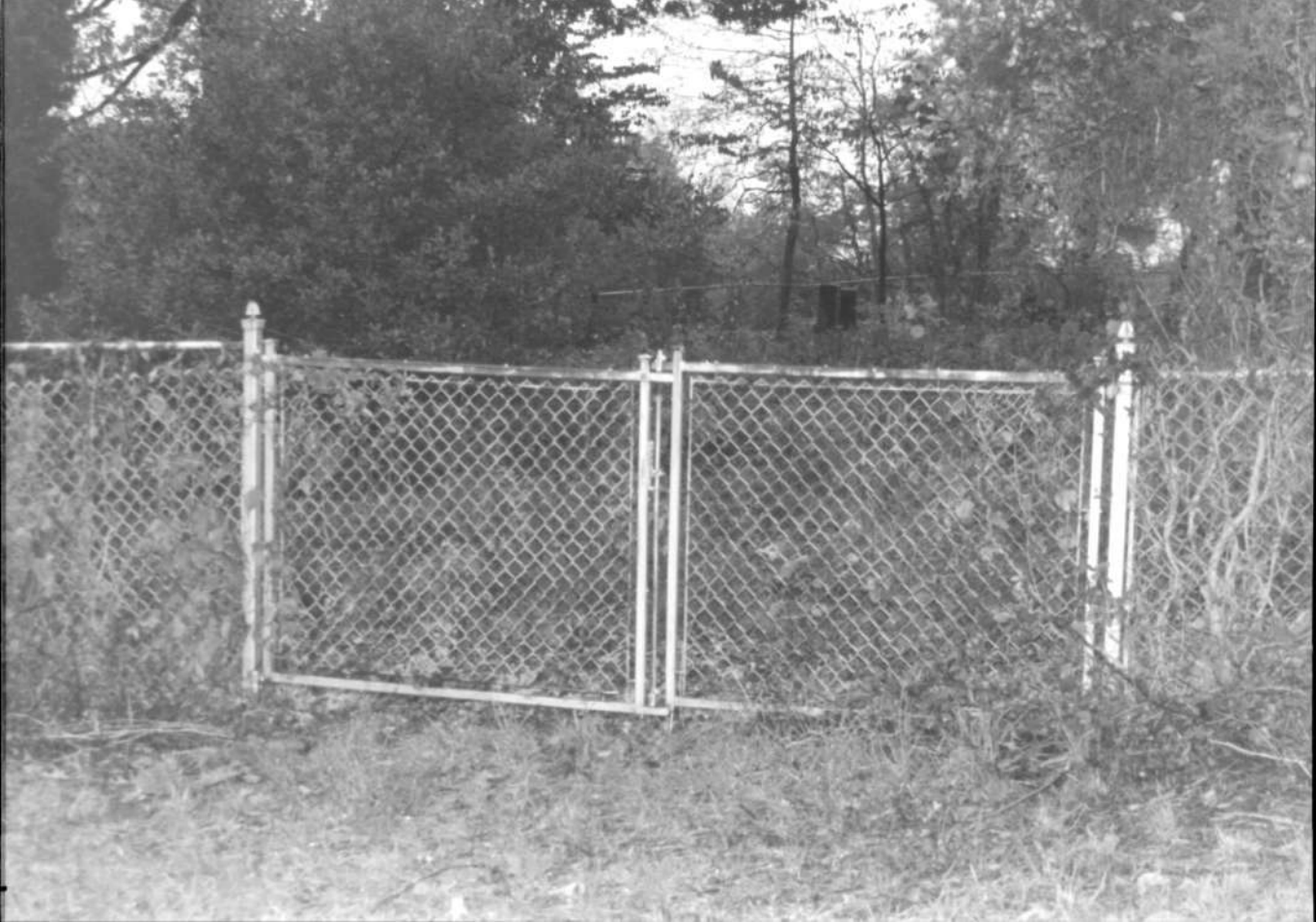
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SHED, VIEW SW

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CEMETERY GATES, VIEW N

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DOUGLAS HOUSE

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CEMETERY, HEADSTONES, VIEW NW

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DOUGLAS HOUSE

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CEMETERY, NW CORNER

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SIMPSON R. COLBERT
MAY 26, 1856
FEB. 25, 1928
HIS WIFE
BERTIE TAYMAN
JAN. 2, 1868
SEPT. 11, 1935

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CEMETERY, COLBERT FAMILY HEADSTONES, VIEW W

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-36 Building Date: ca. 1905
Building Name: Douglas House
Location: 10301 Old Indian Head Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Douglas-Reamy House is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross-gable dwelling in the shape of an L. It is a variation of the gable-front-and-wing plan, and is distinguished by a projecting bay and wraparound verandah. The principal east facade consists of a one-by-three-bay front-gable section which is highlighted by a two-story projecting semi-octagonal bay; the bay has a three-plane hip roof and molded cornice. Above the roof of the projecting bay in the gable end is a four-section lunette window; the gable end at this level is covered with German siding painted white. A one-by-two-bay wing extends south from (and flush with) the principal east gable end. A one-story hip-roof porch shelters the door, and continues south to wrap around the south gable end. The porch is supported by turned posts and rests on brick piers; a metal railing has recently been added. The original German siding has been covered (except high in the east gable end) by gray asbestos shingle. Cornices are molded and boxed, and painted white. They are returned at all gable ends. There are two corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge, nearly centered in each of the west and south sections of the ell. There are two additions in the rear of the house, a two-story shed on the westerly wing and a one-story hip-roof, screen-enclosed porch at the west gable end.

Significance:

The Douglas-Reamy House is a good example of a modest late Victorian farmhouse. It was built in the first decade of this century by Violetta Douglas, on land purchased by her husband, Joseph Douglas, after the Civil War. The house is a modest, frame L-shaped farmhouse, a variant of the gable-front-and-wing plan, typical of dwellings built at the turn of the century. While abandoning the exuberant decorative features of the Queen Anne Victorian style, it retained the two-story semi-octagonal bay, wrap-around porch, and classic door enframing which gives it its attractive appearance. This modest but attractive farmhouse is a noticeable landmark on the Old Indian Head Road.

Acreage: 1.15 acres

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Douglas House

and/or common Reamy House

2. Location

street & number 10301 Old Indian Head Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro

☐ vicinity of

congressional district 5

state Md.

county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category
☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object
Ownership
☐ public
☒ private
☐ both
Public Acquisition
☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable
Status
☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress
Accessible
☐ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☒ no
Present Use
☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military

☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Warren J. Reamy, Jr.

street & number 10301 Old Indian Head Road

telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro

state and zip code Md. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse

liber #3008

street & number Main Street

folio 565

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Douglas-Reamy House is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross-gable house in the shape of an L. It faces east towards Old Indian Head Road, as it runs through an area of rolling farmland near Cheltenham. The house is a variation of the gable-front-and-wing plan, and is distinguished by a projecting bay and wraparound verandah.

The principal east facade consists of a one-bay-by-three-bay front gabled section on the north which is highlighted by a two-story projecting semi-octagonal bay; the bay has a three-plane hip roof and molded cornice, and there are 1/1 double hung sash windows in each of its three faces. Above the roof of the projecting bay in the gable end is a four-section lunette window; the gable end at this level is covered with German siding painted white.

A one-bay-by-two-bay wing extends south from and flush with the principal east gable end. Entrance is in the second bay of its two-bay east facade through a four-panel door. The entrance has three-pane transom and two-pane sidelights, and a plain board surround. A one-story hip-roof porch shelters the door, and continues south to wrap around the south gable end. The porch is supported by turned posts and rests on brick piers; a metal railing has recently been added.

The house was originally sided with German siding, now covered (except high in the east gable end) by gray asbestos shingle. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash with plain board surrounds painted white. There are no shutters. At third level in each of the west and south gable ends is a small four-pane single-sash window. The cross gable roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle. Cornices are molded and boxed, and painted white. They are returned at all gable ends. There are two corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge, nearly centered in each of the west and south sections of the ell. The building rests on a brick foundation, in some places parged with concrete.

There are two additions in the rear of the house. A lower two-story shed addition extends the westerly wing one bay to the south; across its widened west gable end is a one-story hip-roof, screen-enclosed porch which shelters a rear entrance in the first bay of this west gable end. The entrance has a single-pane transom.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates ca 1905

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Douglas-Reamy House is a good example of a modest late Victorian farmhouse. It stands on the old road between Rosaryville and Brandywine, in a still-rural area east of Crain Highway.

This house was built on the Cottage Grove farm in the first decade of this century by Violetta Douglas. After the Civil War, her husband, Joseph Douglas had purchased the 170-acre Tayman family farm known as Cottage Grove; the Tayman family reserved rights to the family burial ground on this land.¹ Later, circa 1905, (possibly after the loss of her own dwelling) Violetta Douglas, widow of Joseph, had the subject dwelling constructed.² It was a modest frame L-shaped farmhouse, a variant of the gable-front-and-wing plan, typical of dwellings built at the turn of the century. While abandoning the exuberant decorative features of the Queen Anne Victorian style, it retained the two-story semi-octagonal bay, wrap-around porch, and classic door enframement which gives it its attractive appearance.

After Mrs. Douglas left the area (ca. 1920) this small farm became the residence of the Grow, Roach and Reamy families.³ The house stands next to the farm lane which leads to the Tayman family graveyard. A small tobacco barn, now on a separate parcel of land, completes the small farm complex. This modest but attractive farmhouse is a noticeable landmark on the Old Indian Head Road.

Notes

¹ Prince George's County Deed, FS #4:274.

² Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1890-1920.

³ Prince George's County Deeds, #172:337; #333:267, 269; #417:376; #407:241; #2512:55; #2654:319, 323; #3008:565. Prince George's County Equity, B-3759.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.15 acres

Tax map 127, parcel 142

Quadrangle name Brandywine, Section B

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting	Northing							

B

Zone	Easting	Northing							

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date August 1986street & number c/o County Planning, MNCPPC telephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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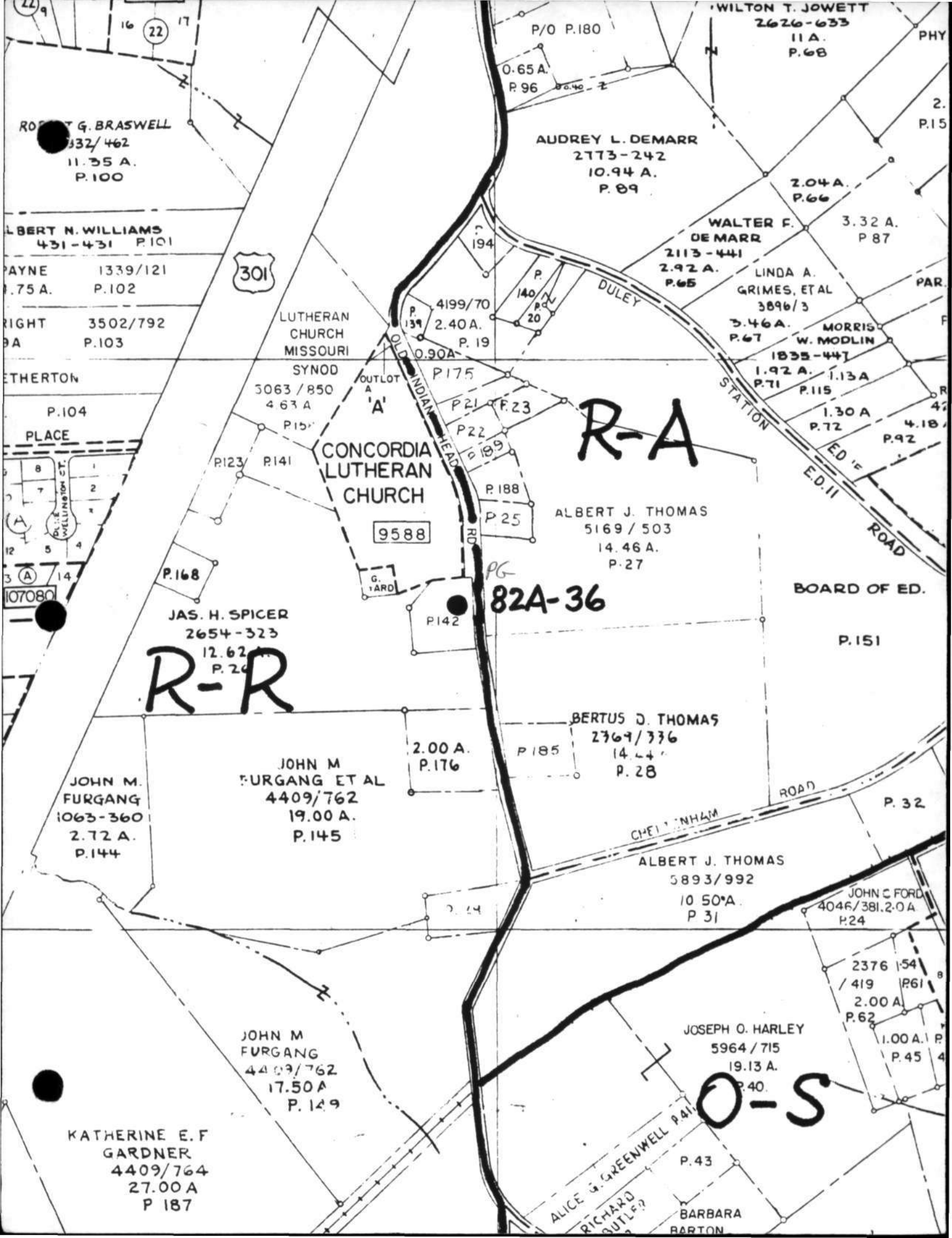
Description (continued)

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Just west of the house is a small shed-roof storage shed with vertical board siding.

A short distance northwest of the house, on the other side of the unpaved farm lane, is a gable roof barn with vertical board siding; it has a lean-to wing on each side, and its roof is covered with standing seam tin.

Beyond the barn, further west and just outside of the subject dwelling parcel, is a fenced graveyard. This is the burial ground of the Tayman family, who owned this farm, "Cottage Grove", in the nineteenth century.



ROBERT G. BRASWELL
332/462
11.35 A.
P.100

ALBERT N. WILLIAMS
431-431 P.101

PAYNE 1339/121
7.75 A. P.102

RIGHT 3502/792
9A P.103

ETHERTON

P.104

PLACE

WILLINGTON ST.
107080

JAS. H. SPICER
2654-323
12.62 A.
P.20

R-R

JOHN M. FURGANG
1063-360
2.72 A.
P.144

JOHN M. FURGANG ET AL
4409/762
19.00 A.
P.145

JOHN M. FURGANG
4409/762
17.50 A.
P.149

KATHERINE E. F. GARDNER
4409/764
27.00 A.
P.187

LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI

SYNOD
3063/850
4.63 A.
P.15

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
9588

G. YARD

P.142

2.00 A.
P.176

AUDREY L. DEMARR
2773-242
10.94 A.
P.89

WALTER F. DEMARR
2113-441
2.92 A.
P.65

LINDA A. GRIMES, ET AL
3896/3
3.46 A.
P.67

MORRIS W. MODLIN
1835-447
1.92 A.
P.71

1.30 A.
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ALBERT J. THOMAS
5169/503
14.46 A.
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BERTUS J. THOMAS
2369/336
14.44 A.
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ALBERT J. THOMAS
5893/992
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P.31

JOSEPH O. HARLEY
5964/715
19.13 A.
P.40

JOHN C. FORD
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2376/54
/419 P.61
2.00 A.
P.62
1.00 A.
P.45

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ALICE G. GREENWELL P.41
RICHARD BUTLER P.43
BARBARA BARTON



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Douglas-Reamy House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Douglas-Reamy House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
Barn, view to northwest
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Douglas-Reamy House
Prince George's county, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
Northwest 3/4 elevation
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Douglas-Reamy House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
East elevation
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